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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

It is respectfully requested that the following amendments to the specification, listed as A-D below, be made to the specification.

*A. Please insert the following beginning at line 2, after the title, on page 1 of the specification.*

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. §365 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/001462, filed 17 February 2004, which was published in German as International Patent Publication No. WO 2004/074379 A1 on 2 September 2004, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application No.'s DE 103 07 713.8 and DE 103 26 666.6, each respectively filed on 24 February 2003 and 13 June 2003. --

*B. Please insert the following addition after the final paragraph on page 8 and before the first paragraph beginning on page 9 of the specification.*

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 schematically illustrates the funnel as described for flowability testing.--

*C. Please insert on page 22 of the application, at line 14 the following additional paragraph.*

-- The present invention has been described with reference to specific details of particular embodiments thereof. It is not intended that such details be regarded as limitations upon the scope of the invention except to the extent that they are included in the accompanying claims.--

D. Please amend line 1 of page 23 of the specification as follows:

--Claims CLAIMS:

What is claimed is--